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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 2013

GENERAL: There were 5.9 days suitable for field work for the week ending November 10th compared to 5.7 for the week ending November 3rd. Statewide soil moisture levels were rated at 2% very short, 30% short, 65% adequate and 3% surplus. The state received little precipitation this week and average temperatures dropped below normal ranging from 41 to 60 degrees. Dry, warm conditions allowed for significant increases in small grain plantings and sweet potato and soybean harvest. However, soybean and sweet potato harvest still remain slightly behind last year and the 5-yr averages.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS

	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg.
PHENOLOGICAL:				
Cotton % Bolls Opening	94	92	100	100
Soybeans % Leaf Drop	97	94	100	98
Wheat % Emerged	25	14	21	24
PLANTED:				
Barley	82	62	78	81
Oats	88	74	68	73
Wheat	53	37	50	53
HARVESTED:				
Apples	97	93	100	98
Cotton	44	30	59	69
Hay 3rd Cutting	87	81	90	91
Peanuts Threshed	98	94	94	92
Sorghum	71	70	40	na
Soybeans	29	19	35	39
Sweet Potatoes	90	81	95	92

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	0	0	48	45	7
Oats	0	0	26	66	8
Wheat	0	1	21	76	2
Cotton	2	14	36	45	3
Pasture	0	9	44	43	4
Soybeans	3	12	34	48	3

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	VS	ST	A	SS
State	2	30	65	3
Mountain Region	1	28	67	4
Piedmont Region	5	48	45	2
Coastal Plain Region	1	12	85	2

VS= Very Short ST = Short A = Adequate SS = Surplus

Conditions for the week were relatively mild and dry. The main farm activities for the week included tending livestock, winterizing equipment, and harvesting Christmas trees.

Stanley Holloway - Yancey County Extension

Continued dry weather is resulting in poor small grain stands as well as fall seeded forages. Pasture growth is poor. It has become really dry around here.

Tim Hambrick - Forsyth County Extension

Some effects of drought are becoming obvious. Excellent weather for harvest has allowed farmer to make great progress.

Steve Gibson - Catawba County Extension

Farmers are harvesting soybeans and seeding small grains. Soils are dry. Emergence of small grains has been slow. Only limited grazing in pastures due to dry conditions. Farmers are feeding hay.

Carl Pless - Cabarrus County Extension

Soil is still dry. Pond, lake & stream levels are down. Soybean harvest is just starting, as is grain sorghum harvest. Wheat planting continued, with many fields emerged and growing. Most livestock farmers are feeding hay as pastures did not get normal fall growth due to dry conditions.

Paul Westfall - Granville County Extension

A nice working week with rain in the middle! Still have cotton and beans to pick and a little more wheat to get out there.

Wendy Drake Burgess - Hertford County Extension

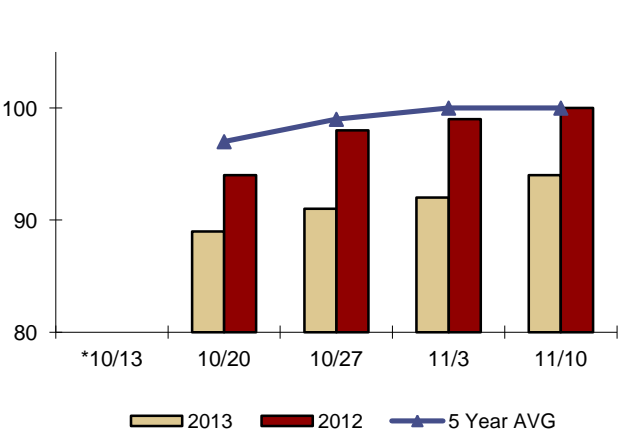
Due to the wet spring and summer cotton bolls are not opening up as they would under normal conditions.

Phil Bunn - Central Crops Research Station

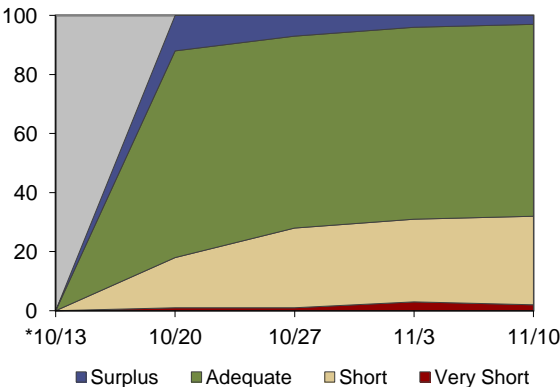
Soybean harvest continues but is delayed due to the above average rain fall during June & July. This has also caused problems with cotton bolls not opening on the upper half of the plant.

Lenoir County Extension

COTTON % BOLLS OPENING



TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT



**Data for charts unavailable on 10/13 due to Federal Government Shutdown.*

